

PROOF OF THE PUDDING

Business is business. Eastern cotton factories may close their doors, temthe mouthpiece of the national calam-Ity combination may wear out his silver throat in declaring that times are no better than under Cleveland. But facts are facts, and facts cannot be downed by wind, whatever its direction, source or persistency. The collated facts of the great commercial agencles of the country for the week past, connection with the bank clearing house table, cannot be explained away. country. There can be no mistake about these figures. No one can either strides, but failures are less in number. got the worst of it? and wheat, the great staple cereal of the west, is stiffening in price. Every thing is coming our way, if we excep the enormous cargoes of flour and meat and the like which we are ship ping the other fellow's way, for which want his money. Even the from trade has got a move on itself and a long-time glutted market finds profitsble relief. Railway construction has been resumed in many sections of the country and money in the great center; quantities at fair rates is being called for in immense volumes. From Call fornia to Maine, from Puget Sound to the Gulf of Mexico, the industrial, the commercial and the financial conditions show only marked improvement. I these are not the good times whose eturn have so long and anxiously been looked forward to, they are, unmistak ably the fringes and borders of the

THE IMMINENCE OF WAR,

Every once in about so often the per dred years without a war is the excepraised their hands against some other beings. Universal disarmament is the which latter power is ready for anyover the African affair, or in downing the Triple Alliance. There is the Austrian, the Greeian and the Turkish situntion, full of menace to the peace of Europe, to say nothing of the Egyptian, African and Chinese speculatio Russia and Germany have already fleets in the Yellow sea and on Thursday last England ordered her North Atlantic fleet to the same waters. the Chinese situation or to swoop down on Hawaii in the event of the United States declining to annex those Islands is hard to guess. In the mean time Japan puts into commission one of the most powerful navies of modern times, ready to join England in anything. clouds of war hang low and heavy,

is insane. Rather strange expressions but it would only have gone to the has been most energetic in promoting the treasury building. Thus far the industrial advancement of Ger- to complete the count, many in the last twenty years has ex-ceeded relatively that of any other and count silver deliars from 9 o'clock do what three could do twenty years hardest work she had ever experience

If the present century closes without a war involving all Europe, and without a clash between the United States

WHAT HAS IT COST?

What has the war in Cuba cost, in cold figures, in firsh and blood, in boodle, in property destroyed, and in thought, will amount to \$300. legitimate expense of money, can only ministration was corrupt beyond com-

Spain to out down the insurrection in elaborate system of fees for license he island from the beginning of Febmore than 53,000 (a little over onefourth) are at this moment fit for servce. The 157,096 are either dead or sent sack to the motherland ill or wounded. porarl'y, because of an overstock, and The causes of this unprecedented death rate and sick list are (besides casuals in actions mainly three-(1) the clothing furnished to the European roops was in no respect adapted to the climate of Cuba: (2) fatigue, and (3) lack of food. The report paints : urid picture of military service in the chief Spanish colony. Under successve generals the three years' campaign as published yesterday morning. in in spite of numberless "victories" and as many "defeats" of the insurgents. leaves Cuba as precarious a Spanish Dun's declare the volume of business possession as ever, while a whole genremarkable. Bradstreet's explain that eration must intervene before island the improvement is unexampled. The and motherland alike can recover from total increase of clearings over the the loss of blood, property and hard same week last year is thirty-six and cash incurred. If the losses among the one-half per cent, taking the entire Spanish soldiers have been so severe what must have been the destruction among the recuncentrades, not to men doubt or refute. Not only is business tion the insurgents, who, according to by thirty-six per cent Spanish accounts, almost invariably

SEES ONLY TROUBLE, The London Times takes a pessi-

nistic view of the polltical situation in

America. Englishmen comprehend very

little of the party politics of this coun-

is father to the Thunderer's conclu-

sions, which are probably based on the

There is no doubt that the wish

lews transmitted it by Smalley, its American correspondent. This English organ of free trade, of feudal monarchy and of gold oligarchy declares that the Democrats are all united upon the Chicago platform of 1896 and that the Republican party is disintegrating Not much, Mary Ann. As a result of this unity, which nobody sees, and this disintegration, of which there is no evidence, the Times assumes that a mafority of the next congress will be unimited coinage of silver Democrats and that in 1900 the whole free silver question must be fought over again, with the odds against the Republican party. The Times, although prejudiced against the Republican party and ples of the respective sections of this favorable to the Democrats, doesn't like little world rise up and kill each other the free silver business, and therefore its untimely sweat. The truth is, outside of the Ohio factional fight nothing tion. Countries founded upon the idea has occurred which might even suggest of peace have regularly, in the course a disintegration of the Republican parof two or three generations, either ty. It has kept its promises, all of them, in good faith, even to the urging upon the Times' own country the adopotherwise raised a row among their tion of international bimetallism. The own peoples. The result has always Dingley tafiff measure has not failed been the same, the slaughter of human of its purposes, but upon the other hand has worked so satisfactorily to only guaranty of continued peace. All friend and fee as to preclude any offer Europe is fearfully near the brink of so far to amend it. There is one hunwar. The causus belli are various, But dred and sixty-old millions of gold in behind it all is a long peace period and the reserve fund, and in another year the disposition of mankind, from racial the Republican party will be retiring hatreds and material interests to kill bonds again. As for the "unity" which each other off. France hates Germany the Times discovers in the Democratic less than Germany hates Russia, party, it is all in its eye. That party is uneasy from Tammany to Kentucky thing, being especially anxious to join worried over the free silver question France in either a bout with England and scared to death by the wild-eyed Bryan, who has got an under-hold on the organization. The Democrats the east and west are widely separated on the money question, the western ng being Populistic to all intents and purposes. The Democratic leaders of the east are with the Times for a single gold standard. There may be political troubles threatening in America. as the Times asserts, but the threat is Whether to be ready to take a hand in not within the Republican party, which isted. party will line up in the good times coming and sweep the country.

A PILE OF SILVER DOLLARS.

Notwithstanding the silver dollar is worth a dollar in gold without referthe most insignificant circumstance metal which it contains, few people and at any moment the civilized world have any real conception of the mounmay be plunged into war. Unquestiona- tain of coined silver dollars piled up in bly the situation is menacing and the the United States treasury vaults, dolhars which cannot be forced into circu-Prominent in all this array is the new lation, at least so long as one and two German empire and its newer Kaiser, dollar bills are printed. Besides these Outside of Italy, Austria and Turkey coined dollars there are hundreds of the war lord of Germany is without tons of silver, in pigs, called bullion, in friends or sympathizers among the the ressession of the government powers. But he has a splendid army, These silver dollars are now being and at its maximum, and his ambition counted by nimble-fingered young we is for war, its conquests and possible men who for four months have been glery. If France and Russia hate him, busy counting the dollars one by one. no less does England. English papers When the silver was turned over here a speak of him as more or less of a fool, short time ago to the new officials, it and occasionally they intimate that he was deemed necessary to have a count when we consider the close relations of silver, each bag containing 1,000 of ship the Kaiser bears to the reigning the bright white dollars and weighs 60 family of Great Britain. John Bull is pounds. However, in counting the conalways lealous, and cannot readily see tents of one of the bags, a lead dollar, merit in any nation that interferes sliver plated, was found, and it was dewith his trade or makes commercial cided to count the whole lot. That is, advancement that harms the profits of every dollar of the \$110,000,000 stored in English manufacturers. The Kniser the big vaults down below the floor of the material development of the Ger- had dollars have been found. The man empire. Mulhall, the British sta- counting has been going on for over tistleian, in the latest number of the three months, and it is estimated that North American Review, tells us that it will require at least thirty-five days

country in Europe. Her population has in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afincreased from 42 730,000 in 1875 to 52. termoon. The fingers of the young wa-250,000 in 1895. The city population men engaged in the occupation soon grew from 4,670,000 to 9,180,000, an increase of 96 per cent. The working to obtain cots to put over the thumb power of the nation has increased to and first two fincers of each hand. One such an extent that two Germans now of the young women said it was the ago. And so the Kainer's brag is not and that the shine of the silver and the click of the money was so monotonous that it almost drove them crazy. Each dollar is examined on both sides and piled with others into a tray and count-When the tray is full one of the and Spain over Cuba, the world of ob- attendants brings the bag and dumps servant men will be happily disap- the dellars in before the eyes of the pointed, and the re-ord for long con- counter. She puts a string around the neck of the bag, senis it and affixes her initials so that in case of a mistake it can be readily traced. The retiring our todian of the treasury will be obliged. to make good the shortage, which, it is

MIGHTY MEAN BUSINESS.

The littleness of Canada belongs to putation, in excess of anything of like the category of meanness. There would character in motern times, is gener- have been no Klondike discoveries but ally conceded. The money cost of the for enterprising Americans. The gold war for the Spanish side will never be of that region but for American push known. But there is the other side, would in all probability have lain en-the sacrifice of human life, which has cased in the ice-bound gravel of that made every other house of Spain' a region undiscovered and undreamed of house of mourning Cuba is Spain's for a century to come. As soon, howmost profitable possession. She has ever, as it was determined that the wrung from that people annually more gold deposits of that Arctic region were money than from all her other depend- on the British side of the line the Canenries. Cuba has been worth untold adian authorities commenced to enmillions to the mother country, hence force a system of exactions that tended the costly effort to nother its people in to retard the development and enrichsubordination. An efficial estimate has ment of their own country not only, been made and published of the money but in effect to rob those who are risk. cost to Spain in its attempt to crush ing their lives. The government at Otthe rebellien. General Losada, inspect-or-general of the royal force in Cuba, new batch of rigorous regulations bookwill hardly be charged with over-state- ing to the gobbling of a large per cent one will steat his work on the great retriment. It appears from his disclosures of the gold which may be discovered builty oven of the invisible beyond.

that of the 200,000 soldiers sent by and taken out. These provide for an and for the taking of claims, besides ruary, 1895, to the beginning of Decem-ber in the year just terminated, not hundred which may be mined without reference to the cost of getting it out. The miner who expends, in time, labor provisions and works, ten thousand dollars, and finds that he has only realized ten thousand, must give up one What if the United States should make every English owner of gold mines in Colorado put up one-tenth of all he got out? And many of the mines in Colorado are owned by Englishmen. who ever thought of charging Englishmen in California for the privilege of digging for gold? It is little to conemptibleness. The English government has only an eye to the possible revenue to be obtained, leaving the development of the ountry to take the chances. Congress should in the mean time give early attention to Alaska, for undoubtedly that region will prove as rich as the Klondike.

AT THE WRONG END.

There is a better way for congress to meet the postoffice deficiencies, now under discussion, than by cutting down the number of local carriers, as recon mended by the postmaster general. The employment of such a spiggot measure in the face of the bung-hole leaks, which are notorious, would be hard to explain or excuse. The proposition bor ders on the ridiculous, if not unright ous. It means simply extra work for the diminished force of deliverers and no pay for it. Why not cut off the pay which goes for labor unperformed, such as pay for thousands of tons of mail which is in fact never carried, under the weighing system? Why not cease making a freight bureau of the postffice department for the transporta tion of groceries and hardware, of dry goods, and of books as second class matter? Thousands of tons of patent medicine pamphlets and novel trash and advertising publications are carried at newspaper rates. Why not let up on the running of "fast mails," at least of such as are purely political jobs and lobby contracts? leakages and the steals and there will be no necessity for kicking out a few hundred delivery boys.

President Dole of Hawaii looks so much like Peffer that a conversation between them would almost be a soliloguy.

Mrs. Hillmon has won a great victorybut she will do well not to be too thrilled before she subtracts her attorneys' fees.

Leland may have driven a lot of wobbly nails into the plastering, but when he hit at Ingalls' soldier record he struck a

It is again apparent that the man who made the first comic valentines 897 years ago is still alive and hasn't thought of anything new.

Even the chambermalds are being frawn into the Hanna investigation in Ohio. Privacy in a hotel is something kin to sunstroke in Klondike.

The finger-nails of the Chinese emperor are eighteen inches in length, and if he gets his country out of its present pre dicament it will be by a scratch.

What a soothing ointment time is. How omforting it is for Prince Constantine of Greece to know that not a day passes that someone doesn't forget that he ever ex-Professor Dole in favoring annexation

irtually offers to give up his own job But that's nothing. Governor Barnes of Oklahoma the other day advocated state-

It is not known by ninety-nine people out of every hundred that a cat has only eighteen claws-although many who have seen her have a fit imagined they saw at

Perhaps no Insurance company ever

wanted to sob its shoestrings loose as much as the New York Life did when it socked \$10,000 into the extended paw of Mrs. Hillmon. After Mrs. Hillmon's experience, Mr.

Leroy Posserox of Lecompton looks to Webb McNall to force Missouri to pay the said Poggrox for a mule Quantrell

There is no great sorrow in the land over New England's troubles just now. New England has sat under an umbrella, and told the sweating nation how to row

A Michigan man has discovered that eating is merely an acquired habit. This is not surprising when the physicians are insisting that the human break-barket is merely an anatomical ornament.

General Cassius Clay confesses that h has loved eight women in his life. And the chances are that the first one he loved was as much older than he was as the last one is much younger than he is,

The joys of joyial winter are upon us, that will permit of placing a lump of butter on a slice and spreading it by hammering it out flat with a mallet.

Miss Sadie Martinot, the actress, save Men may be true to art, or literature, or science, or religion, but to a womannever" Fellows like Breckinridge have brought our sex into pitiable disrepute.

Thomas Reed has been at the White House only once since McKinley became president. Reed's admiration for the present administration is about as loud as the murmur of the Arkansas river.

George Gould is serving as a grand juryman in New Jersey. He is serving regularly and sensibly. The prevalent pinion in the west that a man is not a good American because he is rich, needs a little revision now and then.

A curious coincidence of circumstance and name is that of a man named Boyd in Kansas, accused of boodling our legislature and disappearing, and a man named Bayes, accused of boodling Ohio's legislature and disappearing.

Fay Templeton is now worth \$100.000 The common belief that comic opera sopranos end up at last in the gutter sunken nito penury and disgrace, is consequently just now doubled over the rope while the referee is counting ten.

Iguatius Donnelly's claim that Bacon not only wrote Shakespeare, but Don Von Halbeck's Adventure.

(A Tale of the Gulana Hinterland. From the Evening Post. In Seven Parts.) PART IV. Each year two virgins were set aside

and confined in the house I have aiready spoken of. One of these was destined to be offered up as a sacrifice. The girls he offered up as a sacrifice. The girls were set aside each year on the day fol-lowing the annual ceremony, and were treated with the greatest care after their withdrawal from the rest of the tribe. The best food obtainable was given to them, and their one scanty garment was made of the finest and softest fibres, and brillfantly colored with vegetable dyes. Should either of the girls die during the "Hanny my lord." year, the remaining one was sacrificed; if both were alive on the day preceding the say so?" Not exactly, my lord. sacrifice, the choice was made in a manner I will describe later. The one, whose fortune it was to be rejected, resumed

following the sacrifice.

The victim was offered up in the following the ing way: She was given a bunch of brit-liant flowers, and holding this in one hand, was led by the chief of the tribe to the side of the river. Arrived there, a tree trunk was thrown across to the small ledge where the burnt sacrifice was daily offered up, and along this the girl passed. She then walked out to the small oint of rock at the edge of the chasm, and stood with her back to the statue while the preparations were being made. The mode of sacrifice was strange in the extreme. A large stone was secured in a sling of grass-rope, the ends of the sling being fastened to tree stumps on either side of the river. The center of this sling was then braced up by a rope, which was fastened round the beckoning hand of the statue. As the tree stumps were situated some distance further down the stream than the statue. The stone, on being released, swung outward with great force, and precipitated the victim into the awful abyss beyond.

But the way of releasing this horrid

per ordinary life in the tribe on the day

nessenger of death was a strange one and offered some slight chance that the victim might be saved. A fire, consisting of twenty-four sticks, was lighted under the rope which held back the tone, and it was at the moment that the fire burnt through the rope sufficiently to allow the strain to tear it apart that the victim was hurled into the chasm. There was just a possibility that the fire would not burn through the rope. This had occurred on two occasions within the mem On one occasion a strong wind had blown the fire away from the rope, and on the other a heavy rain had put the fire out before it had done its work. The chance was indeed a slender one, but still was a chance. In the event of this oc curring the girl was taken pack into the tribe and given the curious privilege of choosing any man in the tribe for her husband, being treated moreover with the greatest consideration for the rest of her

I settled down among these people with conviction that I would be able to make my escape as soon as it no longer suited me to remain with them. But as the weeks passed it became evident to me that nothing short of a miracle would en posted at the only places where descen from the plateau was thought possible and only on one occasion in the yearthe evening of the great sacrifice-were these men ever absent from their posts, and then it was but for half an hour. Even had I the opportunity of getting away on that particular occasion, which was extremely improbable, seeing that such a possibility would certainly be fore-seen and guarded against, carefully, the fact that I was in an unknown country and unprovided with a guide or the neces sary stock of food rendered such an opportunity quite useless to me.

With my servant Bian I soon establish ed friendly relations. She was a pleasant girl and became attached to me umstance which was of the greatest importance to me later on. In conversation with her I learned that the great annual acrifice had taken place about a week before my arrival at the village, and the the two virgins had been set aside accord-ing to custom. One of them happened to be a sister of Blau's, and it caused me adifference with which Bian contemplated her probable fate. One evening as I as returning from a stroll on the banks of the river I passed close to the honse of the sacrificial victims and saw le against one of the corner posts of the upper story a young girl of great heanty derstand that female beauty is a thing of

which our family has some knowledge (Prof. Krause inserts here a long note n which he explains this reference to female beauty. It appears that the women of the Von Halsbeck family have always been noted for their extreme beauty; and story of one, Helene von Halsbeck, whose beauty all but made her an empress. The story is of great interest, but as it does not concern this present narrative. I omit

most beautiful of beautiful women I have known, those who read this narrative will understand my astonishment at finding such perfection in such an out-landish place. The girl was, I should judge, about seventeen years of age. Her form was of the most perfect symmetry, slender and graceful, and full of the most delicate, tender lines, giving her whole figure an air of gentle, budding womanhood, charming beyond the power of words to express. Her face was not less pleasing than her form. Her eyes were large and set well apart, her forehead ow and broad, her nose small and slight-y aquiline. Her mouth was somewhat arge, but was exquisitely shaped. Add o this long, coarse, black hair, a skin of a rich golden-brown color, and you have before you, as far as I can paint

That night I questioned Bian about the girl I had seen.

(From the St. James Gazette.)
Perhaps the most dramatic reward Lord
Charles Beresford ever got for valor was a few years ago. One bitetr cold night lands, there was a cry of "man over-board." The sentry had disappeared he-neath the floating ice. Though clad in heavy garments, Lord Charles instatiy seized a coll of rope and leaped into the "I went down and down and down," said Yord Charles when relating the inci-dent, "until I began to think that the oth-er end of the rope was not fastened to anything. At last I grasped my man, the rope became taut, and I began to ascend. The ship's corporal helped us both out." Fifteen years afterwards Lord Charles was speaking at a political meeting in support of Lord Folkestone's candidature The hall was packed, and suddenly there was a scuffle at the back. was a scume at the back. Chuck him out!" cried some one; but Lord Charles invited the man to come up to the platform, and they would listen to what he had to say. The man struggled forward in great excitement. He only wanted to shake hands with his rescuer. He was the sailer who had been saved by Lord Charles from the fey sea off the Faulkland Islands.

(From the Detroit News.) "No, sir," said the Kansas editor, "your services are no longer required." "May I venture to ask why I am dis-

You're too blamed funby. That style may do in the blase and heartless east. but when you refer to a death in a cy-clone as 'a terrible blow' to the family you overdo it out here."

The latest fad of the Princess of Wales and her daughter, the Duchess of Fife, is the gentie act of spinning, only, instead of employing the graceful and esentially femining wheel on flax, the royal ladies spin yarn, which, it is said, they then

Jiggles and a G-less Scale.

It lacked just two days of the wedding of the Prince of Ness and the Princes Phersonia when King Reno, Phersonia's father, became a prey to melancholy, and called Professor Labette, his chief coun-sellor, to him, and asked.

"Will this marriage be a happy one?" "Yes, your majesty."
"You have examined the stars, studied their palms, chemically analyzed the perspiration from both and investigated the color of their eyes with the optoscope? Good. And what do you find the issue of this wedding will be, happy or unhap-

"Do the stars, the palms, the eyes all

"Then, why say you that this marriage will be a happy one?" "For the good reason, my lord, that

Phersonia is a healthful, mentally sound young woman, and that the Prince is "Right," said the King, arising entirely satisfied. "Right. I feel better. My rev-

erend father, the King, knew what he was about when he conferred the title of So the King and Labette parted. And there is a story about this same Labette He was not only a M. A. and Ph. D. and an L.L. D., but he was a P. H. S. and the only P. H. S. in the kingdom. The enferring of this exalted title upon Labette all came about in this way. Harper, Reno's father, Phersonia's grandwhen quite an old man, was told by his physicians, that his nerves were ch disordered and that he must not let anything disturb him. The very next day he was sitting in a chair with his hands on the wooden arms thereof, listening to the court planist, when suddenly

"Stop! Stop!"

"Ooh!" cried the King, "My pool nerves! Something made the arms of this chair liggle!'

"I suspect," said the musician, "that the arms of your majesty's chair are in toned on a certain note, and when strike that note on the plane, the arms of the chair vibrate in sympathy." "Run the scale!" roared the King. The

musician started the scale "Stop!" roared the King. "It jiggles What note is that?"

"G natural," answered the musician striking it. " cried the old King, "That's it!

Call for pen and paper.' Now, when pen and paper were brought the old King issued a proclamation de-creeing that never again must the note of G natural be struck, sounded or sung in the kingdom while he lived.

Then the musicians all over the kingdom began to compose music without any gan to build instruments with the key of G left off the keyboard. The violin lost one string and the guitar several frets So far, so good. But the officers armed themselves with tuning forks and went out into the country and whenever they found a cow mooing on the note of G natural, they killed her; or a jackass braying in that key, they killed him: roosters also lost their lives in great numbers. So many country people valuable stock that a great army of folk pressed into the capital and demanded ustice beneath the windows of the King's

Theold King stepped out on the balcony and demanded to know why he was dis-

When the mob was quieted an old farmer, who was never hear stepped forward and said: heard from again

"Your majesty, we mean you no harm, swooping across the country killing off all our animals that make any noise whatsoever in the key of G natural, and so zealous are they that in many instances I think they catch and kill many a poor animal who is only F sharp or A tlat. It isn't right. It is impoverishing

about his chair and about how it jiggled 'Now," said he, concluding, "What am I to do? If my nerves are perturbed, I die. If G is sounded, that chair liggies and it will kill me. Now, would you rather have a lot of old cattle killed, or me?" The King said this with such pathos that the people wept and cried in the midst of their tears: "Long live the King! Let the Devil take the cattle!"

"Now," said the King, "unless you can suggest a way out of this, you might etter go home." Thereupon the mob dispersed and the King went into his palace and wept, "Oh, my poer people!" he stormed, misery am I causing them! Bu can I do? What can I do? The order

nust be enforced." Just then two guards stalked into the

room, dragging between them a young man, a student in the university. "Your majesty," explained one of the guards, "We found this young man and discovered that he can not talk in any tone but G. Other people who have talked in G have quit, but this young man confesses that he does talk in the key of G and says he can't talk in any other cey, and what's more, he doesn't intend

"What say you?" demanded the King, angrily. "Oh, your maje to," cried the guard, "He demanded before we should kill him that he be given audience with you."

"Go shead" said the King, "I give you "Oh, mighty King," said young Labette, the captured student, "I can solve

"Go on," 'said the King, impatiently, "Your majesty has excitable nerves. True. Your majesty has a chair. True.

Your majesty's subjects in great me bers sound the note G. True. The r G liggles the arms of that chair; the that figgles your nerves. Now-"Young man," said the King, "I stud-ied over this question for three weeks myself, and it was too much for me."

"Listen," went on Labette. "Your majesty can not desirely the jiggle, that's intangible; you can not destroy your hands, they're sacred; you can not destroy the note G, for the very heavens will thunder it in spite of you. Now, what ought you to destroy?"
"Eureka!" Eureka!" declared the King,

grasping Labette to his bosom chair! The chair! I ought to destroy the

Certainly," said young Labette, smil-

Again the King took Labette to his arms, "Young man," he said, "You have lifted a great burden off my heart. Burn the chair, guards, and proclaim it to the people. And as for you, young man, henceforth you are my chief counsellor And from that moment Labette bore the exalted title of Professor of Horse Sense.

Fireproof Theatre Curtains.

Fire-proof curtains are obligatory in sany European theatres, and are made

im, and minimizing the danger of fire as well as of the still more destructive panic. The first fire-proof curtain in Esrope was installed in the Comedia Fran-A family at Warrenton, Va., see them-

elves daily in a large mirror before which George Washington used to regularly make his tollet. They have had it some thirty-five years, having acquired it at a sale of the personal effects of Laurence Vashington, a great nephew of the great

Some Chinese and Japanese can still iraw pictures with their finger nails, an art once held in high repute. The natio are allowed to grow to a length of eighteen inches and dipped in vermillon or

A Bit of the Old Days,

Like the majority of cowboys, especially of Texas type, Johnnie Potts and Ben Franklin both were in the habit "bowling up" occasionally, and many a night of old time hilarity and dissipation had they spent together in the border towns, and it was a habit of theirs, if ne had to remain at the ranch while the other went to town, the one remaining was sure to be remembered with a suffi-cient supply of the "debt-paying liquid." to have a tolerably respectable carouse of his own, on the other's return, writes an old-time cow-boy in the Alva, Oklahoma, Pioneer. But this was a very com mon occurrence; it was no more a habit of Potts and Franklin than hundreds of other boys, and as it was generally indulged when it least interfered with work, but little attention war paid to it. On the evening of March 7, 1884, Ben Franklin returned to the ranch from Caldwell in a happy and sociable frame of mind as was common to his light-hearted nature.

As usual, he had his treat for the boys, a gallon keg of good old Kentucky whis-ky. The boys came out to meet Ben and to hear the news from town. Every one was in the best of spirits and in a short time the best of spirits was in them. The evening started in with good prospect for a splendid time for all the hands. I think the party consisted of Potts, the two Franklin boys, Harry Curtis, Sam Hudson, the English book-keeper, and a stranger whose name I never learned Potts drank pretty heavily from the first but by nine o'clock all hands, except Har-ry Curtis, the "kid." were pretty well filld up. After a few hours were spent in got into a game of cards, which was noth ing unusal, as that was a common and favorite pastime in whiling away the long winter evenings. All hands noticed John nie was unusually full and quick to take offense at the boys whenever they made remark about his condition midnight Johnnie got up to get a drink of water, and in doing so staggered gainst the book-keeper's table and scat clerical man made some remark to John

nie about his awkwardness. But Potts was in no humor to be complained at and he whipped out his six-shooter and knock ed everything off the table, kicked the table over and everything else that came in his way. The boys soon saw that some-thing must be done with him, but just what to do or how to do it was the toestion, for they knew he was a dangerous man in his present condition; finally some one grabbed him, while others took his six-shooter away from him after a fierce struggle. This, of course, angered Potts ery much, and when he saw that Ber d it in very forcible language. Franklin just as forcibly told him that he could not have it. Whereupon, Potts with you." Franklin turned away for the time to see if matters would not take nore peaceable turn, for he knew vers very favorable. Potts kept asking for his gun, but gradually cooled down and told Ben that if his gun was given him he would go to bed, and Ben gave the gur back; and finally, all hands, worn out with excitement, went to bed.

The next morning, while Johnnie was him and said, "Johnnie, I think you owe me an apology," to which Johnnie repli that he apologized to no man. To t Hen replied, "You will either take back what you said or one of us dies right here," and a general fusilade of shots were exchanged. The air was filled with smoke, the awful deed was done! Johnite fell mortally wounded, being shot one shot shattering his right arm other entering his left side and ranging unward. The boys carried him ould be; a physician was sent for and arrived that night from Caldwell, finding

each of mortal aid. He was rational to the last minute of his life and talked freely all the time, and when Franklin told him that he was going to Caldwell to give himself up Johnno good. I was as much to blame as you; you have killed me. Ben, but I would have killed you if I could, so, let

Along the Kansas Nile.

of 13 now-1873 and the 73 who elected

Mrs. Hillmon has demonstrated completely that if at first you don't succeed, appeal, appeal again. So many brutal and unjust things have

been said about spring poets that the race is entirely killed off in Kansus. It is the prevailing fashion now among Kansas farmers to pay up their newspa-per subscriptions to the end of the cen-

Mort Albaugh, who is in a position to know, for he is better acquainted with Kingman county than any man in it or ut of it, mays that there is no oppotion to Chester Long in Kingman coun

After all that has been said and done against Webb McNail, it must be granted that the New York Life Insurance coma pretty big concern, was mighty ind when the junitor rang the What a Kansas man hates worse of all

t, after discussing politics on the strest musical recital at night to hear his with flute obligato. Will White of Emporta asks the Re-

ican papers to cease their ridicule of Ed. he sort unless Little will agree to quit holding his chin up in the air like a dog scratching himself. The whistle of a locomotive can be

heard 2,000 yards, the noise of a train 800 yards, the bark of a dog 900 yards, while the roar of Farmer Smith, if he is no ominated for governor, will reach about There is no end of Jack-rabbit stories in

uthern Kansas this year. Ed Jeanings of one at 101 parits, which distance, his friends say, no one can duplicate.

If the Republicans of Kanyas will say compaign that will make the Populist ewis-appointed postmuster in focal soli-

John Senton will accept the nomination for governor even if the Republican plat-form declares for prohibition. Mr. Beaon would naturally want to see resultants on have some recognition and he prefers that it be conceded the governor-

Miss Minie River's dress caught fire at

Enreks the other day. She put it out. This is a radical departure from the an-count custom of acresining for the neighors and burning up, but as Miss Files. There are some men in Kansas who do would fall. He didn't,

not went to die suddenly, because the lo-cal paper will say that his deuth "shocked the community," when he knows that it will not. There is no place so deserted as a Kansas grave-pard, and there is probably no state in the union where people

A Wichita doctor says that southern tucky and Virginia and on that at the people here are gradually drifting towards highly poppered field. It is that a conditional which is a triple daily. In these caspects it is free from extract of over-brated Hades known as Toharco, is becoming, highly popular in the Jefferson blea is as useful in storesouthern Kanada.

Outlines of Oklahoma

H. L. Cohen, one of the leading clothver. Colorado.

Southern Kansas is more willing to bese part of Oklahoma than is the in-

dian Territory. There is a reamship agency in Okla

omn City. A man can buy a round trip to Europe, if he wants to. Governor Renfrow says the work on the

Sapulpa extension to Oklah begin inside of thirty days. The Shawner Blade, which is published

near the scene of the brutal act, denounces the burning of the two Indians. The Seminole Indians do not know much English, but they understand wi

now told one that his lite is at stake. A one-legged man at Oklahoma City any other man in the territory, two legs

Mrs. James Snyder, living near Earlboro, was so frightened by the Indian scare that her hair turned white in the single night. Oklahoma has just enough Texas in her.

not to stand too much railroad pronkeying in politics. The railroads might better When the Otoe county is alloted and

thrown open to settlement, if it be added that county, it will double the size of Noble county. The law firm of Green & Strang, Guth-

rie, has been dissolved, and this is taken to indicate that the promise is out on one judgeship, at least. Professor Murdaugh of Edmond Normal

chool, has brought the Republican press down upon him again and there is talk of his being removed The Shawnee Chief notifies all church

organizations that hereafter when they charge an admission to their entertainments, they can not expect free notices Apparently the only thing which would drive the army of peddlers and fakers out of Okiahoma would be a crop fail-

Another big crop and they will become permanent. The teachers of Greer county whom Texas refused to pay for services per-formed before the country was attached to Oklahoma, have appealed to congress.

A gang of horse-thieves in the Osage country are making a regular business invading Kay county and selecting those equines which please them. There will be trouble over the thefts yet.

All his friends sincerely hope that dur ing this present trip to Washington Governor Barness will keep his case on the ground and not go into an investigation of every hornet's nest he comes across.

Isenberg of Enid wants the Republicans

and give Canr Reed to understand that

the Republicans of Oklahoma want fres homes, and "carnestly request that Mains sheep's tallow-stuffed boss let that bill This would be a good idea. The Perry Sentinel calls the whole territorial administration of Oklahoma for the past seven years "most corrupt and damnable." It says that while the Democratic and Republican administrations

were tough, the Populists, had they secured control, would have been worse. Guthrie Leader: In cotton market parance "in-stacking" comes from the Hinrows a hole in a bale of cotten and delets, etc., in order that the cotton may weigh heavier. "Water-weighing" finds its origin in the anient Kaufman county, Texas, word, "willipus wallipus." It is the same as "instacking," except that water is used for cheating purposes. A bale will make the bale go is to 25 pounds more than it would otherwise

Southern Kansas Business Men

It is a noticeable trait of all successful advertisers that they are rarely funny, but they are always vivacious. A man who can tell you what a flame is of its mystud minute combustions and the

real nature thereof, can sell you coal, The store where it is not comble something individually to you, is somehow, always a successful store

A smart advertiser says: "What you hear all the time, you don't hear at all. what that means. It is well to remember that a large part

of humanity would rather pay a higher price to a gentle-voiced, courteous mer-chant, than a lower price to a loudmouthed and uncouth bull-dozer, No one will believe the story of a no-

torious exaggerator. Nothing will kill an advertiser's reading public off as quick's as a monotonous repetition of the w "wonderful" and similar expressions. The man who dominates a store should write its advertisements, or dictate thom to some one who does write them. There

are too many whole souled advertisements

know, can give a flash and vivacity and lightness to a society column which a man can not imitate. Why shouldn't women write the best dry goods advertise-

If you have a bright, educated daugh ter, aubmit your advertisements to her. It may be that advertising, particularly of dry goods stores, will, in the next quarer of a century, gravitate wholly into

the hands of the women If the merchant who will not change his advertisement, has a striking clock n his house, he will find on impairing of the wife that she never hears if strike. With that as a husle he may know that other men's wives do not see his adver-

There is a magic about business just as mysterious as life Itself. Why some sinter should have such a welcoming, home-like atmosphere and another stone should not have if, is beyond analysis and ex-planation. The best s man can do, if his store has not got if naturally, is to try

and give a fine imitation of it. In the most old door, advertisements were written as occasional proclamations. So: "Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! Supendous barguins at Joggs, the dry But the produmation style has passed away and a merchant who makes his adunrisement a delly store newspaper has crowded Mr. Joggs but of business.

This is a very big and were curious world. People believed that the million poor sewing women. It does't amisteur photography would hurt their business it didn't. A half century ago muny merchants believed that advertising was leastfulness, and would offend the ruble, immething like the doctors man who advertise!

Mr. Joe Jefferson, spenking on stage craft before the Nineteenth Century club of New York, recently, said: "Repose is one of the cardinal points. An audie an set jook at two points at once. The thing in stage management is that the attention of the addience abould be ed to the subject then necessary to be recibilities. Nothing is more injurious than vulgar by-play." The advertisement nodresses a vently larger audience than does the play-and audience of varied tastes-and it can change its attractions teraft as in stagocraft.